

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1195

Philip Meadowcroft Tenant House

20243 Middletown Road

Freeland, Baltimore County

Circa 1850

Private

The vernacular dwelling was constructed circa 1850 in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The house appears on the 1850 J. C. Sidney Map and on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, both of which indicate that William Davis occupied the dwelling. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The dwelling was constructed during the height of development in Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road. By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, Odd Fellows hall, a store and one "shop." Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road. Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20th century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.

Facing southeast along Middletown Road, this two-story wood frame vernacular dwelling is three bays across with an L-shaped footprint sitting on a solid parged foundation. This house has a side passage entry containing a single-leaf metal paneled-with-lights door. The five windows seen on the façade are 1/1 double-hung wood sash. One interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises above the cross-gable asphalt shingle roof. A one-story half-hipped roof porch covers the full-width of the façade and is supported with four wood posts, two square and two turned. The roof features a boxed aluminum encased cornice with overhanging eaves. Alterations and additions to the house include a two-story rear ell, the re-cladding with vinyl siding, including the thin window and door surrounds, and the porch addition.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1195

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Phillip Meadowcroft Tenant House

2. Location

street and number 20243 Middletown Road not for publication

city, town Freeland vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert J. Meadowcroft

street and number 20235 Middletown Road telephone Not Available

city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053-9611

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14626 folio 434

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 124 tax ID number 0613040402

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | 2 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |
| | | | Total |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |
| | | | 1 |

7. Description

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Condition

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Facing southeast standing along Middletown Road, this two-story wood frame vernacular dwelling was constructed circa 1850 within a small crossroads community. Three bays across with an L-shaped footprint and sitting on a solid parged foundation, this house has a side passage entry. The entrance contains a single-leaf metal paneled-with-lights door. The five windows seen on the façade are 1/1 double-hung wood sash. One interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises above the cross-gable asphalt shingle roof. A one-story half-hipped roof porch covers the full-width of the façade and is supported with four wood posts, two square and two turned. The roof features a boxed aluminum encased cornice with overhanging eaves. Alterations and additions to the house include a two-story rear ell, the re-cladding with vinyl siding, including the thin window and door surrounds, and the porch addition.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates 1850 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

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| Acreage of surveyed property | 3.30 Acres | |
| Acreage of historical setting | Unknown | |
| Quadrangle name | New Freedom | Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Philip Meadowcroft Tenant House is located at 20243 Middletown Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 6, parcel 124 since its construction in the middle of the 19th century.

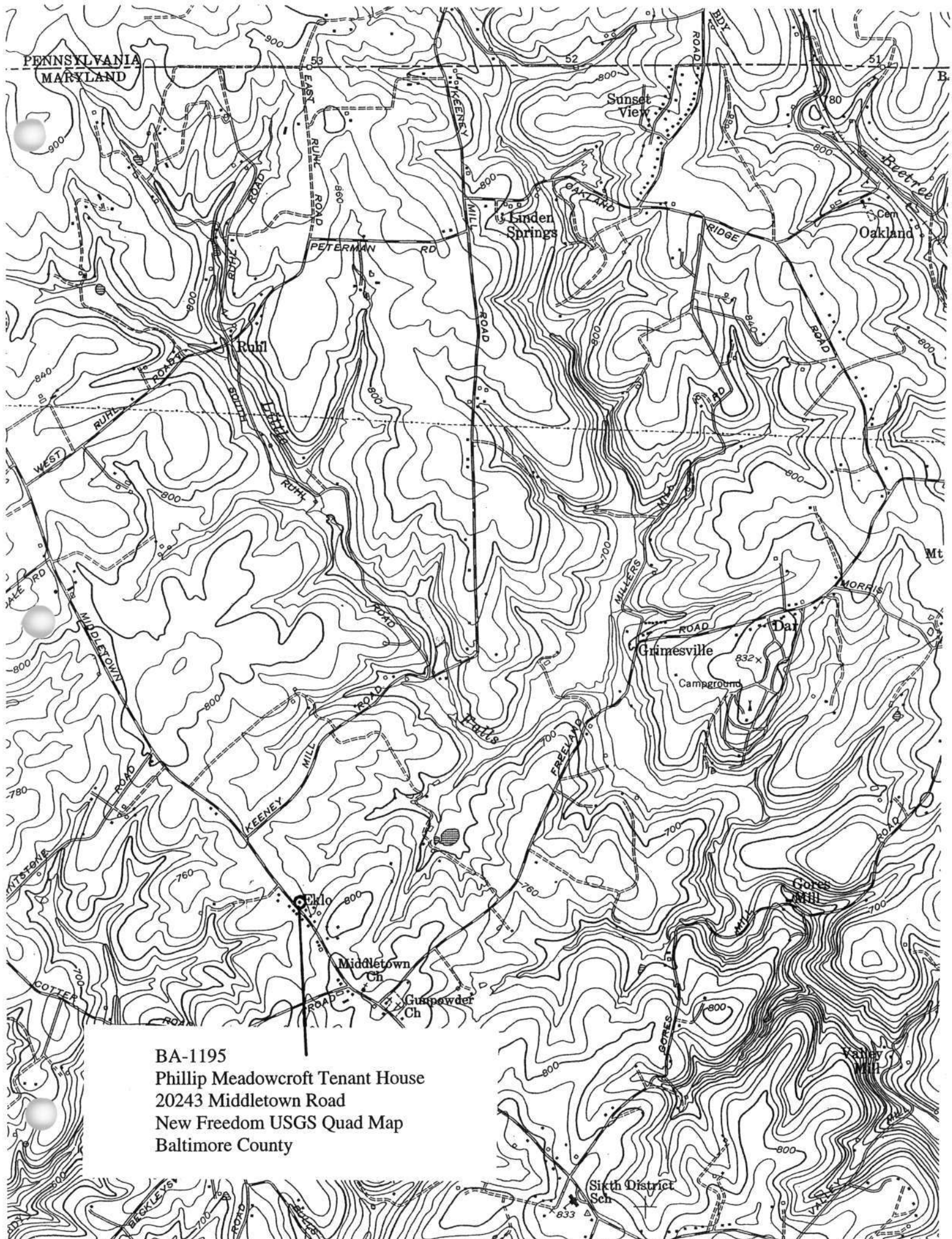
11. Form Prepared by

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|-----------------|--|-----------|-------------------|
| name/title | R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians | | |
| organization | EHT Traceries, Incorporated | date | February 11, 2002 |
| street & number | 1121 5th Street NW | telephone | 202.393.1199 |
| city or town | Washington | state | DC |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Phillip Meadowcroft Tenant House
20243 Middletown Road
New Freedom USGS Quad Map
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NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: Robert Klein's house Philip Meadowcroft house | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: + (A) LOG-MILK HOUSE house | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Northeast side of Middletown Road about 0.3 mi. NW of junction of Cotten Road | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Sk10 Southeast of Keeny Hill Road | | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | COUNTY: Baltimore | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments Weekend retreat |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY TAX MAP 6 PARCEL 124 | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Robert Klein Philip J. Meadowcroft | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Freelands P.O. | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: 20053 | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: BALTIMORE COUNTY COURTS BUILDING | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: BOSLEY AVE. | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Towson | | STATE: Md 21204 | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 4912 / 526 | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: Ongoing since 1964 BA-1195 ENTERED 2/26/78 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 21 STATE CIRCLE | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS | | STATE: MARYLAND 21401 | | |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame house is L shaped, 2 stories, of frame clapboard covered with asphalt shingles. 3 bays by 0, it faces southwest with the wing running northwest along the northwest wall 3 bays by 0. A two-story porch is in the ^{one-story porch at the front of the house.} L ₁ windows have 6 lights over 6. There are chimneys in the end walls of the main house, and another runs along the wall between the L and the main house.

A log milk house is in the back yard.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sklo is a small country town whose
 houses are at the front edge of the
 surrounding farms. The big milk house
 at the back lot suggests a dairy farm
 business here.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|-----------|---------|---|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | | LONGITUDE | | |
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| SW | 0 | ' | " | 0 | ' | " | 0 | ' | " |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

2.50 A (3/1/78)

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| | | | |
|--------|--|---------|--|
| STATE: | | COUNTY: | |
| STATE: | | COUNTY: | |
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| STATE: | | COUNTY: | |

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| NAME AND TITLE: | | JEAN S. EWING | |
| ORGANIZATION | MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST | DATE | 1/73 |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | 2525 RIVA ROAD | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | ANNAPOLIS | STATE | MARYLAND |

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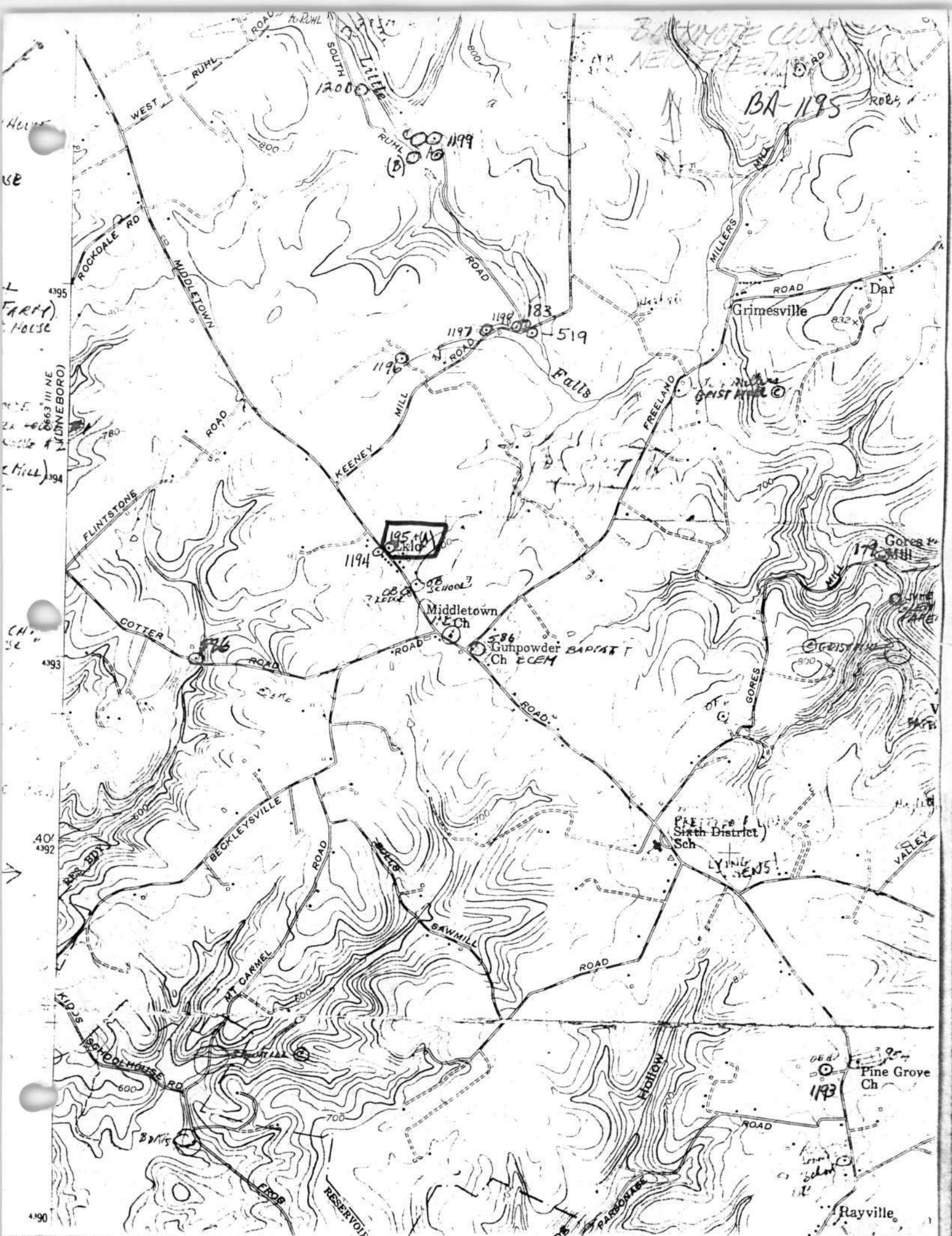
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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VI-NEW-1195 PHILIP MEADOWCROFT TENANT HOUSE
MIDDLETOWN ROAD, EKLO
lat view of front (SW) elevation, looking NE
PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING (MHT) 1/73 (frame 18)



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VI-NEW-1195(A) PHILIP MEADOWCROFT TENANT HOUSE,
LOG-MILKHOUSE
MIDDLETOWN ROAD, EKLO

PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING- 1/73 (MAT) (frame 17)